

An Abstract of the unfortunate and unparallel CASE of Eliz.

Wandesford, Weddow and Relist of Garret Foulkes, Esq; and of her Aged Mother and Children, who are by the faithful services and sufferings of their Friends, left miserable Objects of the Care and bounty of this Just and Merciful Assembly.

THE first beginning of their Tragical scene, of Misery above others, was occasion'd by the unfortunate Mr. Foulkes's appearing so early in Arms, in defence of this Government; for which he and several of his Relations, who were Persons of Emenency and Note in that Kingdom, were taken Prisoners, and Condemned to be Hang'd, Drawn, and Quartered; upon which sad sentence his unfortunate Family, being more fill'd with the Consideration of the unhappiness, then thoughts of a remedy; had whilst others were sending their Families and Effects for *England*, all their Worldly substance Seaz'd and taken from them as Traitors Goods, long before King James Landed, or any Person suffer'd in that Kingdom; but having in the Prisons of *Galway* and *Doulin* several Reprieves sent them, was after the breach of the *Boyne*, released by His present Majesty: But upon the said Mr. Foulkes's recovery of a great fit of Sickness, occasion'd by his long Confinement, he to Signalize his Loyalty and Zeal farther, went with his Nephew Colonel Foulkes to the Battle of *Agbrim*, where he and one of the Petitioners Brothers lost their lives together, which Compleared the unhappy Number, since and before, of five Brothers and a Husband with their whole Fortune; Lost in the service besides several other Relations too Numerous to Mention. That the said *Eliz. Wandesford's* Aged Mother being ready to sink under the Oppression of too just a grief for the loss of so many Sons, had instead of the least Compassion, her Choise reduc'd to two very sad Necessities; whether she should be burnt in the House, or otherwise destroy'd if she came forth; But being no longer able to hold out in the Flames, was forc'd to to expose her self and Family to the mercy of the Enemy, and after being Pillag'd and Plunder'd by them, she and those poor Orphans attempted to make their escapes to *Corke*, or where ever else their pittiless Fortune should lead them; but the Enemy soon pursu'd their unhappy wandering Lives, and with an inflexible Cruelty barborously Murther'd one of the Petitioners Brothers, but to him was more mercifully Cruel then to the rest, for her Aged Mother, Sister and Children, they stript even of their very Shifts; with the Terrour and Cold of which, her Sister and Child di'd the same Night in the Fields, and by the hardships they endur'd shorten'd the Lives of several of the Petitioners own Children also, that the miserable survivors of them lay a considerable time in a very weak Condition, in a Wast and desolate Part of the Country, having no friends Left a this side the Grave, that would hazard the bringing them out of the Enemies Quarters, where during the War: the *West* being the Seat of It, they suffer'd more then Tongue and Pen could Express; that Her Majesty upon the Lords Justices of *Ireland's* Letters, in behalf of the Petitioners, was therefore Graciously pleas'd, in Compassion to their Misfortunes, to Grant them a Pension of 200*l. per Ann.* which was as appears the express words of the Patent, to be continu'd to them till their Majesties could make a Provision more suitable to their Sufferings for them, as appears by the annext Certificate, that His Majesty in Order to make good Her promise, of ever blessed Memory, did upon the Petitioners surrender of their Pension, Grant them a *Custodiam*, and last Spring His Letter for passing a Lease of Ninety nine Years of two hunder'd Pounds *per Ann.* out of the Forfeitures in *Ireland*. At the passing of which the Petitioners were in the Valluation of those Lands, to be Repris'd and consider'd for three Years loss of the Incum of their Pension, which the Governments Report's ready to be produc'd sets forth, having receiv'd no benefit of the said *Custodiam*, by reason of the Incumbrance that after appear'd upon those Lands after they pass'd *Custodiam* for them, upon the Solicitation of which, they may justly Charge their ruin, having with Toyl of Body and Mind made eight Voyages too and from that Kingdom, in obtaining, fixing and exchanging those Grants, which has not only eaten up the benefit of His Majesties intended bounty, but run the Petitioners more in Debt, then the Inheritance of so small a Grant can possible be worth: That the Petitioners having already smarted under a succession of trouble and a Afflictions of the heaviest kind, did therefore to avoid the Charge and Fitague of attendance, not seek for the benefit of Her Majesties Gracious promise, of making a more suitable provision then the said two hunder'd Pounds *per Ann.* for so Large and distressed a Family.

That the said *Eliz. Wandesford* notwithstanding her straight Circumstances, being not able to see her own human Nature, Pineing and Sterving in the Persons of such near Relations, did therefore send for her Aged Mother and several Orphans left by her Brothers, in order to pertake of what small Fortune God Almighty had blessed her with; but her Mother being too Feeble and Aged for such an undertaking, unfortunately broak her Thigh by a fall lately on her Journey to this Kingdom, which must tender the small remnant of Life very Miserable; but much more so, if depriv'd of the Means that supports her, and the helpless Family of Children, whose whole dependance under God, is upon this small Estate, tho its the torrowfullest Bread they ever Eat, that's purchased with the Lives of their nearest and dearest Relations. The Case therefore being so very hard, and to Cruel to be Patterned amongst the worst of their Countries; its therefore humbly hoped, they being both sufferers, and by giving up their Pension Purchasers, that their Case will not be look'd upon as a Common Case, being in its several Circumstances not to be parallel'd in the whole Kingdom, the Consideration of which together with the particular regard Her Majesty had to it, as appears by the annext Certificate of the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland*, will they humbly hope Incline this Honourable House to Establish them in their Grant, or give them something equivalent to the said two hunder'd

per Ann. and the three Years loss of the Incum of their Pension of two hundr'd a Year, according to His Majesties directions and Intentions towards them, otherwise the Aged Grand-mother, and helpless Family of Children, whose whole dependance was upon this small Grant; must be exposed to all the misery Imaginable, and for ever lye wrapt in the Ruins of their Parents fate, except the Mercy and Goodness of this Honourable House enterposes between them, and the great Danger that threatens those Lives, which could never by them be own'd with Comfort, since so Miserably reduc'd and persecuted by fortune.

WE do hereby Certifie, that upon Mrs. Foulkes applying her self to Her Majesty, after the loss of her Husband and five Brothers in Their Majesties service; it was Her Majesties desire and perticular Order to Us at our coming into this Kingdom, that notwithstanding any stop put to other Pensions, hers of two hundr'd Pounds a Year should be well paid and Continued to her, till Their Majestys could Conveniently give her something better and more suitable to her sufferings in Liew of it: In Compliance therefore to Her Majesties Commands, and to prevent any scruple or difficulty she should for the future meet with on that account. We Certify this to be Her Majesties pleasure and expresse Commands to Us at our coming into this Kingdom. Given at Their Majesties Castle of Dublin the 30th of June, 1693.

Sydney.

The Original to be produc'd if requir'd.

The CASE of
Elizabeth Wandesford, Wid-
dow and Relick of Garret
Foulkes, Esq, &c.

